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Mr. Richard Boe
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Dear Mr. Boe:

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 has reviewed the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) for the proposed construction and operation of the replacement navigational lock on the Inner Harbour Navigation Canal, New Orleans, Louisiana. The Float-in-place Plan is the recommended design alternative.

EPA on November 20th, 2008, rated the DSEIS as "EC-2," i.e., "**Environmental Concerns and Requested Additional Information in the FSEIS.**" Based on our review of the FSEIS, EPA's environmental concerns have been adequately addressed. We therefore have no objection to the proposed action as described in the Final Supplement.

EPA appreciates the opportunity to review the FEIS. If you have any questions regarding NEPA and/or our 309 Review Process, please contact Mike Jansky of my staff at (214) 665-7451 or by e-mail at jansky.michael@epa.gov, for assistance.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Cathy Gilmore", is positioned above the typed name.

Cathy Gilmore, Chief
Office of Planning and
Coordination (6EN-XP)